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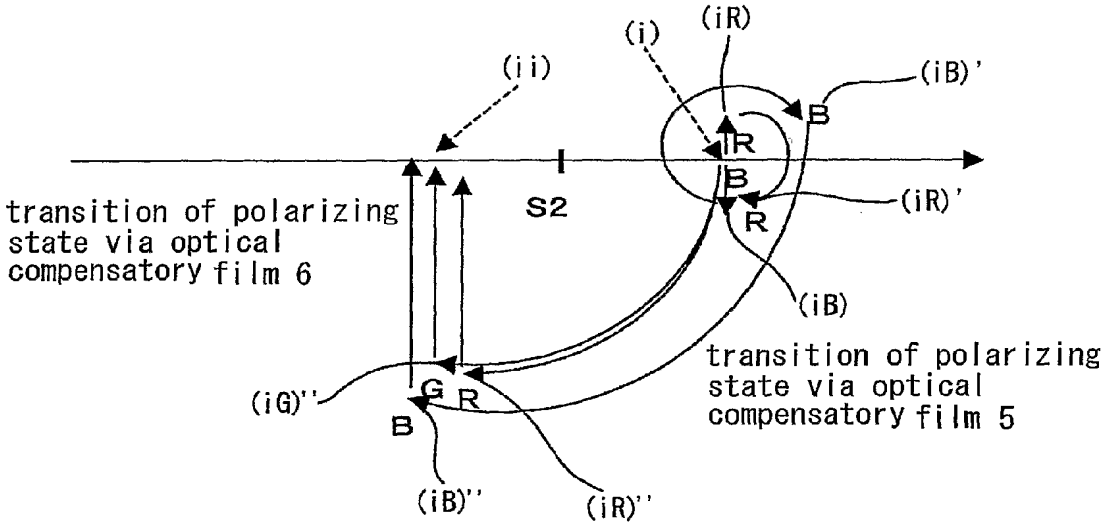

(57) Abstract: A novel transparent film is disclosed. Re (λ) and Rth (λ) of the film defined by the following formulae (I) and (II) satisfy the following formulae (III) and (IV):(I) Re (λ) = (nx - ny) × d,(II) Rth (λ) = {(nx + ny)/2 - nz} × d, (III) ≤ 0 ≤ | Re (630) | ≤ 50, (IV) Rth (400) × Rth (700) ≤ 0, and ≤ 0 | Rth (700) - Rth (400) | ≤ 150,wherein Re (λ) means an in-plane retardation value at a wavelength λ nm (unit: nm); Rth (λ) means a thickness-direction retardation value at a wavelength λ nm (unit: nm); nx means a refractive index in the in-plane slow-axis direction; ny means a refractive index in the in-plane fast-axis direction; nz means a refractive index in the film thickness direction; and d means a thickness of the film.

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